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JORDAN CROSSING PROPERTIES, LLC.

Respondents.

an Arizona limited liability company.

CHRIS BLACKFORD and NICOLE

BLACKFORD, husband and wife.

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#### BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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DOCKET NO. S-20698A-09-0398

DECISION NO. 71304

ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND CONSENT TO SAME

BY: JORDAN CROSSING PROPERTIES, LLC, CHRIS BLACKFORD and NICOLE BLACKFORD

Respondents Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC, Chris Blackford and Nicole Blackford elect to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal under Articles 11 and 12 of the Securities Act of Arizona, A.R.S. § 44-1801 *et seq.* ("Securities Act") with respect to this Order To Cease and Desist, Order for Administrative Penalties, and Consent to Same ("Order"). Respondents Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC, Chris Blackford and Nicole Blackford admit the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"); admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other administrative proceeding before the Commission the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order; and consent to the entry of this Order by the Commission.

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I.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. JORDAN CROSSING PROPERTIES, LLC ("JORDAN") is an Arizona limited liability company organized on December 31, 2008. JORDAN has its principal place of business in Glendale, Arizona.
- Pursuant to public records of the Commission, CHRIS BLACKFORD and NICOLE BLACKFORD have been members of JORDAN since December 31, 2008.
  - 3. CHRIS BLACKFORD ("BLACKFORD") is an individual who resides in Arizona.
- 4. NICOLE BLACKFORD ("N. BLACKFORD") is the spouse of BLACKFORD and may be referred to as "Respondent Spouse." Respondent Spouse is joined in this action under A.R S. § 44-2031(C) solely for purposes of determining the liability of the marital community.
- 5. BLACKFORD and N. BLACKFORD are husband and wife. At all times relevant, BLACKFORD was acting for his own benefit and for the benefit or in furtherance of the marital community.
  - 6. JORDAN and BLACKFORD may be referred to as "Respondents."
- 7. On or about August 8, 2009, Respondents emailed to potential Arizona investors ("PAI") an advertisement for an investment opportunity in the form of an investment contract as follows:

Greetings,

We are looking for someone to partner with us in a mini storage complex. I have spoken to the owner of a mini storage here in town that is interested in selling it.

She will carry the paper for a decent interest rate and flexible terms but, she needs \$200,000 as a down payment to buy out her partner. The potential income from this property before payments and taxes is about \$15,000/month. Taxes are about \$1,000/month and the only other monthly need is a \$30 electricity bill, the opening of the gate. There is no office or plumbing. It is a basic mini storage, very low maintenance.

We need cash partners. We will do all the leg work and your ROI will be 10-50%. Please contact me if you are interested. Thank you.

- 8. The email advertisement also included BLACKFORD as the contact name and an Arizona contact phone number of 623-570-1687.
- 9. Respondents emailed the unsolicited investment opportunity to at least 191 potential investors. At least one PAI received the unsolicited email advertisement.
- 10. Respondents told at least one PAI that Respondents would manage the storage facility, which included being an on-site manager that would interact with actual and potential persons who may decide to rent out a unit. The Respondents would also be on-call for the renters in the event they needed something when Respondents were not on site.
- 11. The Respondents told at least one PAI that the Respondents would also open a bank account to manage the investment.
- 12. Respondents told at least one PAI that the investors would not have any involvement in the investment except for providing investor funds. Respondents planned on splitting the profits 50-50 with the investors, which would return to the investors the promised 10-50% ROI.
- 13. At all times relevant, the Respondents were neither registered as dealers nor salesmen with the Commission. At all times relevant, the investment was not registered with the Commission.

#### II.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Article XV of the Arizona Constitution and the Securities Act.
- 2. Respondents offered or sold securities within or from Arizona, within the meaning of A.R.S. §§ 44-1801(15), 44-1801(21), and 44-1801(26).
- 3. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1841 by offering or selling securities that were neither registered nor exempt from registration.
- 4. Respondents violated A.R.S. § 44-1842 by offering or selling securities while neither registered as a dealer or salesman nor exempt from registration.

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5.	Respondents'	conduct is	grounds	for a	cease	and	desist	order	pursuant	to	A.R.S
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- Respondents' conduct is grounds for administrative penalties under A.R.S. § 44-6. 2036.
- 7. Respondent Blackford acted for the benefit of the marital community and, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 25-214 and 25-215, this order of administrative penalties is a debt of the community.

#### III.

#### ORDER

THEREFORE, on the basis of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Respondents' and Respondent Spouse's consent to the entry of this Order, attached and incorporated by reference, the Commission finds that the following relief is appropriate, in the public interest, and necessary for the protection of investors:

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2032, that Respondents and any of Respondents' agents, employees, successors and assigns, permanently cease and desist from violating the Securities Act.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents and Respondent Spouse comply with the attached Consent to Entry of Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to A.R.S. § 44-2036, that Respondents, individually, and the marital community of Blackford and Respondent Spouse, jointly and severally, shall pay an administrative penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 If the administrative penalty is paid in full within six months from the date of this Order, then the penalty amount shall be reduced to \$500.00. Payment shall be made to the "State of Arizona." Any amount outstanding shall accrue interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum from the date of this Order until paid in full. Payment shall be made in full on the date of this Order.

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#### CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

- Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC ("Jordan"), Chris Blackford ("Blackford") and 1. Nicole Blackford ("Respondent Spouse") admit the jurisdiction of the Commission over the subject matter of this proceeding. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse acknowledge that they have been fully advised of their rights to a hearing to present evidence and call witnesses and they knowingly and voluntarily waive any and all rights to a hearing before the Commission and all other rights otherwise available under Article 11 of the Securities Act and Title 14 of the Arizona Administrative Code. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse acknowledge that this Order To Cease and Desist, Order for Restitution, Order for Administrative Penalties, and Consent to Same ("Order") constitutes a valid final order of the Commission.
- 2. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse knowingly and voluntarily waive any right under Article 12 of the Securities Act to judicial review by any court by way of suit, appeal, or extraordinary relief resulting from the entry of this Order.
- 3. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse acknowledge and agree that this Order is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.
- Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse understand and acknowledge that they 4. have a right to seek counsel regarding this Order, and that they have had the opportunity to seek counsel prior to signing this Order. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse acknowledge and agree that, despite the foregoing, they freely and voluntarily waives any and all right to consult or obtain counsel prior to signing this Order.
- 5. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse admit only for purposes of this proceeding and any other administrative proceeding before the Commission the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained in this Order. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse agree that Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse shall not contest the validity of the Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law contained in this Order in any present or future administrative proceeding before the Commission.

- 6. By consenting to the entry of this Order, Jordan and Blackford agree not to take any action or to make, or permit to be made, any public statement denying, directly or indirectly, any Finding of Fact or Conclusion of Law in this Order or creating the impression that this Order is without factual basis. Jordan and Blackford will undertake steps necessary to assure that all of their respective agents and employees understand and comply with this agreement. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude Jordan and Blackford from defending themselves in any administrative, civil or criminal proceedings to which the Commission is not a party.
- 7. While this Order settles this administrative matter between Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse, and the Commission, Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from instituting other administrative or civil proceedings based on violations that are not addressed by this Order.
- 8. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse understand that this Order does not preclude the Commission from referring this matter to any governmental agency for administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to the matters addressed by this Order.
- 9. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse understand that this Order does not preclude any other agency or officer of the state of Arizona or its subdivisions from instituting administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings that may be related to matters addressed by this Order.
- 10. Jordan and Blackford agree that they will not apply to the state of Arizona for registration as a securities dealer or salesman or for licensure as an investment adviser or investment adviser representative until such time as all penalties under this Order are paid in full.

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- 11. Jordan and Blackford agree that they will not exercise any control over any entity that offers or sells securities or provides investment advisory services within or from Arizona until such time as all penalties under this Order are paid in full.
- 12. Jordan and Blackford agree that they will not sell any securities in or from Arizona without being properly registered in Arizona as a dealer or salesman, or exempt from such registration; Jordan and Blackford will not sell any securities in or from Arizona unless the securities are registered in Arizona or exempt from registration; and Jordan and Blackford will not transact business in Arizona as an investment adviser or an investment adviser representative unless properly licensed in Arizona or exempt from licensure.
- Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse agree that they will continue to cooperate 13. with the Securities Division including, but not limited to, providing complete and accurate testimony at any hearing in this matter and cooperating with the state of Arizona in any related investigation or any other matters arising from the activities described in this Order.
- 14. Blackford and Respondent spouse acknowledge that any restitution or penalties imposed by this Order are obligations of the Blackford as well as the marital community of Blackford and Respondent Spouse.
- Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse consent to the entry of this Order and 15. agree to be fully bound by its terms and conditions.
- Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse acknowledge and understand that if they fail to comply with the provisions of the order and this consent, the Commission may bring further legal proceedings against them, including application to the superior court for an order of contempt.
- Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse understand that default shall render 17. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse liable to the Commission for its costs of collection and interest at the maximum legal rate.

- 18. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse agree and understand that if they fail to make any payment as required in the Order, any outstanding balance shall be in default and shall be immediately due and payable without notice or demand. Jordan, Blackford and Respondent Spouse agree and understand that acceptance of any partial or late payment by the Commission is not a waiver of default by Commission.
- 19. Blackford represents that he is a member of Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC and has been authorized by name of Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC to enter into this Order for and on behalf of it.



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Chris Blackford

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE me by Nicole Black And

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4	an Arizona limited liability company
5	By:
6	Chris Blackford Its: Manager and Member
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ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER FOR RESTITUTION, ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES AND SERVICE LIST FOR: CONSENT TO SAME BY: JEFFRIE HARPER and KATHLEEN JANICE HARPER DOCKET NO.: S-20698A-09-0398 Chris and Nicole Blackford 6605 W. Lawrence Ln. Glendale, AZ 85302 Jordan Crossing Properties, LLC 6605 W. Lawrence Ln. Glendale, AZ 85302 

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